

CALL FOR PROJECTS

For federal stimulus funds

To: Potential Applicants From: State Revolving Fund Date: February 25, 2009

The federal stimulus bill routes some of the funds for water quality through the State Revolving Fund programs. Iowa's allocation is \$53 million for Clean Water SRF and \$24 million for Drinking Water SRF.

Twenty percent of each amount is intended to be used for green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities ("to the extent that there are sufficient eligible project applications"). While we have projects that we intend to fund with the remaining 80 percent, we do not have many fundable applications for "green" projects.

Eligible projects would include:

- Water efficiency
 - Rehabilitation or replacement of water mains
 - Installation or replacement of water meters
 - Retrofit or replacement of water-using fixtures
 - Collection system leak detection equipment
 - Reclamation, recycling, and reuse of rainwater, condensate, degraded water, stormwater, and/or wastewater streams
- Energy efficiency
 - Retrofits or upgrades to pumps and motors
 - Installation of variable frequency drives
 - o Producing clean power for wastewater systems on site
 - Pro-rata share of offsite clean energy facilities that provide power to wastewater treatment works
- Stormwater quality management
 - Stormwater infrastructure with a treatment component
 - Stormwater retrofits that address hydrologic impacts to receiving waters by reducing discharge flow volume
 - Street sweepers and vacuum trucks

Green infrastructure

- Implementation of green streets (green infrastructure practices in transportation right-of-ways)
- o Porous paving, bioretention, green roofs
- Establishment or restoration of riparian buffers
- o Retrofits to keep stormwater out of sewer system

All of the projects funded through the stimulus funds must have an environmental review and must comply with all federal regulations (including Disadvantaged Business Enterprise solicitation, Davis-Bacon wages and Buy-American provisions).

Stimulus projects will be funded with a combination of grant and loan funds.

Do you have a project that might qualify? The "green" projects would need to be submitted by May 15, 2009 and start construction by February 2010 (after satisfying all the requirements mentioned above).

Please contact Patti Cale-Finnegan (515-725-0498, <u>patti.cale-finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov</u>) by March 4 to indicate an intent to submit a "green" project.